

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate convened the First Session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress.
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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert of the State of Illinois was elected
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1–S86

Measures Introduced: Ninety-five bills and sixteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 6–10, S. 16–105, S.J. Res. 1–2, and S. Res. 1–14.

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Measures Reported: Reported on Friday, December 20, during the adjournment of the Senate:

Special Report entitled “Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001”. (S. Rept. No. 107–351)

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Measures Passed:

Notification to the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 1, informing the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled. **Page S6**

Notification to the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 2, informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled. **Page S6**

Electing the President Pro Tempore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 3, to elect Ted Stevens, a Senator from the State of Alaska, to be President pro tempore of the Senate of the United States. **Page S6**

Notification to the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 4, notifying the President of the United States of the election of a President pro tempore. **Page S6**

Notification to the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 5, notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a President pro tempore of the Senate. **Pages S6–7**

Fixing the Hour of Daily Meeting: Senate agreed to S. Res. 6, fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate. **Page S7**

Electing the Secretary of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 7, electing Emily J. Reynolds of Tennessee as Secretary of the Senate. **Page S7**

Notification to the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 8, notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Secretary of the Senate. **Page S7**

Notification to the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 9, notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Secretary of the Senate. **Page S7**

Electing the Secretary for the Majority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 10, electing David J. Schiappa of Maryland as Secretary for the Majority of the Senate. **Page S7**

Electing the Secretary for the Minority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 11, electing Martin P. Paone as Secretary for the Minority of the Senate. **Page S7**

Reappointment of Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 12, to make effective reappointment of Senate Legal Counsel. **Pages S7–8**

Reappointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 13, to make effective reappointment of Deputy Senate Legal Counsel. **Page S8**

Temporary Unemployment Compensation Extension: Senate passed S. 23, to provide for a 5-month extension of the Temporary Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002 and for a transition period for individuals receiving compensation when the program under such Act ends. **Pages S9–15**

Commending Ohio State University Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 14, commending the Ohio State University Buckeyes football team for winning the 2002 NCAA Division I–A collegiate national football championship. **Page S87**

Unanimous-Consent Agreements:

Authority for Ethics Committee: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 108th Congress, the Ethics Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate.

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Limitation of Roll Call Votes: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 108th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10-minute duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes.

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Authority for Secretary of the Senate To Receive Reports: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that during the 108th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate.

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Approving the Journal: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Majority and Minority leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes each on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading of, or the approval of the Journal.

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Privilege of the Floor for the House Parliamentarian: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives and his five assistants be given the privilege of the floor during the 108th Congress.

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Printing of Conference Reports: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed.

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Authority for Appropriations Committee To File Reports: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 108th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriations bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to suspend rule XVI, pursuant to rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendments shall be printed.

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Authority for Secretary of the Senate To Make Corrections to Bills and Resolutions: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 108th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossments of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to House bills or resolutions.

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Authority for Secretary of the Senate To Receive Messages From the President: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, for the duration of the 108th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate is authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States, and, with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions and concurrent resolutions; messages from the House of Representatives, and that they be appropriately referred; and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

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Privilege of the Floor for Senator's Staff: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 108th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows.

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Treaties and Nominations Referral: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the duration of the 108th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day.

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Measures Referred to Committees: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that for the remainder of the 108th Congress, Senators may be allowed to bring to the desk bills, joint resolutions, concurrent resolutions, and simple resolutions, for referral to appropriate committees.

Page S8**Appointments:**

The Chair announced the following appointment made today:

Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of

the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106–170, announced the appointment of David L. Miller, of South Dakota, to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel, vice Jack L. Hillyard, of Iowa.

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The Chair announced the following appointments made during the adjournment:

Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission: Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107–202, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, the appointment of Senator Biden and Joseph M. Torsella of Pennsylvania to the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission on December 9, 2002.

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Antitrust Modernization Commission: Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 107–273, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, the appointment of Jonathan M. Jacobson of New York and Jonathan R. Yarowsky of Washington, D.C., to the Antitrust Modernization Commission on December 20, 2002.

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Motion To Adjourn: By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 1), Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas J. Ridge, of Pennsylvania, to be Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position)

Gordon England, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. (New Position)

Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Jay S. Bybee, of Nevada, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Deborah L. Cook, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Richard A. Griffin, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Carolyn B. Kuhl, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

David W. McKeague, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Susan Bieke Neilson, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Charles W. Pickering, Sr., of Mississippi, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Henry W. Saad, of Michigan, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Jeffrey S. Sutton, of Ohio, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit.

John R. Adams, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

J. Daniel Breen, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee.

Cormac J. Carney, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

James C. Dever III, of North Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Ralph R. Erickson, of North Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of North Dakota.

Sandra J. Feuerstein, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Gregory L. Frost, of Ohio, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio.

S. Maurice Hicks, Jr., of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana.

Richard J. Holwell, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Robert A. Junell, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Thomas L. Ludington, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

S. James Otero, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

William D. Quarles, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland.

Frederick W. Rohlfing III, of Hawaii, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii.

Thomas A. Varlan, of Tennessee, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

William H. Steele, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama.

Timothy C. Stanceu, of Virginia, to be Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, to be Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Marian Blank Horn, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years. (Reappointment)

Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Glen L. Bower, of Illinois, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after he takes office.

Bruce E. Kasold, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term prescribed by law.

Alan G. Lance, Sr., of Idaho, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for the term prescribed by law, Frank Quill Nebeker, resigned.

Fern Flanagan Saddler, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for there term of fifteen years.

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Executive Communications:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1)

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 12 noon for the convening of the First Session of the One Hundred Eighth Congress, and by 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 1), adjourned at 6:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 9, 2003.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 218 public bills, H.R. 11-228; 5 private bills, H.R. 229-233; and 39 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1-11; H. Con. Res. 1-7, and H. Res. 1-21, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Filed on Dec. 18, Report of the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107-791);

Filed on Dec. 20, Report of the Joint Inquiry into Intelligence Community Activities Before and After the Terrorist Attacks of September 11, 2001 (H. Rept. 107-792);

Filed on Dec. 20, Summary of Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107-793);

Filed on Jan. 2, Federal Law Enforcement at the Borders and Ports of Entry—Challenges and Solutions (H. Rept. 107-794);

Filed on Jan 2, Report on Activities of the Committee on Appropriations During the 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107-795);

Filed on Jan 2, Report of the Committee on Agriculture on Activities During the 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107-796);

Filed on Jan 2, Report of the Activities of the Committee on Education and the Workforce During the 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107-797);

Filed on Jan 2, Report on the Activity of the Committee on Financial Services for the 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107-798);

Report on the Activities of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, One Hundred Seventh Congress (H. Rept. 107-799);

Report on Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Resources, 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107-800);

Filed on Jan 2, Report on the Legislative and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Ways and Means During the 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107-801);

Filed on Jan 2, Report on the Activity of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107-802);

Filed on Jan 2, Legislative Review Activities of the Committee on International Relations During the 107th Congress (H. Rept. 107-803);